

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, in this application.

1. (original) Use of the microbes *Lactobacillus rhamnosus* LGG, ATCC 53103, *Lactobacillus rhamnosus* LC705, DSM 7061, and *Propionibacterium freudenreichii* ssp. *shermanii* PJS, DSM 7067 for preparing a product for inhibiting yeast.
2. (previously presented) Use of microbes according to claim 1, wherein by preparing a product of the food industry or the pharmaceutical industry, a health promoting product, or natural products.
3. (previously presented) Use of microbes according to claim 1, wherein by preparing a food product.
4. (previously presented) Use of microbes according to claim 3, wherein by preparing a dairy product, preferably cheese.
5. (previously presented) Use of microbes according to claim 1, wherein in. that also other, conventional (starter) bacteria are used in the preparation.
6. (previously presented) Use of microbes according to claim 1, wherein by preparing a unit dosage form containing the microbes.
7. (previously presented) Use of microbes according to claim 6, wherein in that the dosage form is a preparation for oral consumption.
8. (previously presented) Use of microbes according to claim 7, wherein in that the dosage form is a capsule or a tablet containing xylitol, in addition to the microbes.

9. (currently amended) A method for inhibiting the growth of yeasts and for relieving yeast-related symptoms in animals or humans, the method comprising: administering the microbes *Lactobacillus rhamnosus* LGG, ATCC 53103, *Lactobacillus casei* ssp. *rhamnosus* LC705, DSM 7061, and *Propionibacterium freudenreichii* ssp. *shermanii* PJS, DSM 7067 [[7061]] to an individual in [[the]] need thereof in an amount sufficient to produce the desired effect.

10. (new) The method according to claim 9, wherein the microbes are administered in the form of a product of the food industry or the pharmaceutical industry, a health promoting product, or a natural product containing said microbes.

11. (new) The method according to claim 10, wherein the microbes are administered in the form of a food product containing said microbes.

12. (new) The method according to claim 11, wherein the microbes are administered in the form of a dairy product containing said microbes.

13. (new) The method according to claim 12, wherein the microbes are administered in cheese containing said microbes.

14. (new) The method according to claim 10, wherein the product containing said microbes in addition contains conventional (starter) bacteria.

15. (new) The method according to claim 9, wherein the microbes are administered in the form of a unit dosage form containing the microbes.

16. (new) The method according to claim 15, wherein the microbes are administered in the form of an oral unit dosage form containing the microbes.

17. (new) The method according to claim 16, wherein the oral unit dosage form is a capsule or a tablet containing xylitol in addition to the microbes.